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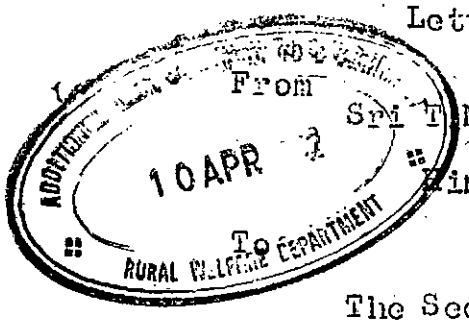
Office of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Madras-2.

Letter No.13844/52-1 Gnl dated 7-4-1952.



From

Sri T.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,
Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Madras.2.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Rural Welfare Department, Fort St.George,
Madras-9.

Sir,

Sub: Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments-Appraisement and Verification of jewels and other valuables -Sri Kaniyur math-Udipi-South Kanara Dt- descriptive report of the Verification Officer- Forwarded.

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Ref: From the Verification Officer, Report dated 25-3-1952.

I forward herewith a copy of the descriptive report of the Verification Officer, relating to the math named above, together with a copy of the register of valuables for the approval of the Government.

2.The Math authorities are being requested to consider the suggestions of the Verification officer made in his descriptive report and carryout the same.

3.I am in agreement with the suggestions of the Verification officer. I request that the Government may be pleased to approve the reports so that the Math authorities may be requested to adopt the valuation in the registers maintained by the math.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner.

Enc:2.
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Office of the Verification Officer,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments,
Camp: Tirupathi, Chittoor District.

From

Sri V.Rangaiah B.A., B.L.,
Verification Officer,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments,
Camp: Tirupathi.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Rural welfare Department,
Fort St.George,
Madras.

Through

The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments,
Cathedral Post,
Madras 6.

Sir,

Sub:- Sri Kanyoor Mutt - Udipi - South Kanara District - Descriptive report - submitted.

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This math is one of the ashtamatams attached to Sri Krishnadevara matalaya, Udipi, South Kanara District. The Matathipathy or the Swamiyar is one of the Ashta pujaries of Sri Krishna Devara matalaya and is also one of the joint trustees of Sri Krishna Devara. Sri Madhwacharya appointed eight sishyas to conduct the worship in the temple in turns. In course of time these eight worshippers acquired wealth and endowments from devotees and established for themselves eight matams. These matams are situated in the car street round the temple. The original disciple of Sri Madhwacharya who belongs to this math was Sri Ramatheertha Swamigal.

Sri Madhwacharya ordained that worship in the temple should be conducted by the eight swamiyars who are to be sanyasis celebate from their boyhood. Thus for these eight maths boys after upanayanam are ordained sanyasis and become the matathipathies. Each of these matams has a presiding deity for the math and the matathipathies have their own pooja in the matams and also perform tours to enlist the disciples and collect funds for the temple and for the matams.

Sri Narasimha is the presiding deity for this math. The present swamiyar of this math.is Sri H.H.Vidya Samudratheertha swamigal. He has also ordained his sucsessor who is at present acting junior swamigal.

Most of the valuables possessed by these matams are gold and silver paraphernalia and jewels used for the worship of the presiding deities in the matams or for the use of the swamiyars during their tours. These matams take their names from the villages for which the original swamiyar came and this matam takes its name from the Kanyoor village about. 60 miles from Udipi. Although originally the matathipathies were selected for their learning and religiousness although unconnected with the family of the previous swamiyar, at present generally these swamiyars are selected from the family of their predecessor. Generally the members of the family of this swamiyar manage the matams and their properties and often live in the matams and are maintained from the matam funds. The Dhittams of the matams also show expenditure to be incurred for the members of the family.

In the register under section 38 of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act para No.10 shows that the family members of the swamiyars Poorva Ashrama members have to be served with mid-day meals and also night meals.

The remarks column under staff of the math at page 25 showing the list of the members of the staff of the math also mentions as follows.

"Free residential quarters, free meals and facilities must be given in addition to the monthly salaries mentioned above to all the staff. When new appointments are made preference must be given to the near relatives of the swamiyars. The relatives of the swamiyars must be given free boarding and lodging whether they are appointed or not. All the students who are residing in the math must be served with meals free of cost".

II. A register under section 38 of the Hindu Religious

Endowments Act of 1927 was submitted in May 1949 and is pending approval. No previous register of valuables has been produced by the matam as none is stated to be existing. Thus the present appraisement and verification has been based on the register under section 38 submitted in 1949.

III. This math is also in charge of some minor temples and maths as appertinent to the main math. These sub-maths and temples are mentioned in the register under section 38 and the valuables belonging to the Kanyoor math in Kanyoor village, Puthur taluk and in Belle village in Udipi taluk have also been produced and have been included in the list.

IV. This math has sub-maths in Belle vilage about 7 miles from Udipi one to Sri Madhwachary and other to Sri Anantapadmanabha. Belle village is the birth place of Sri Madhwacharya the founder of Sri Krishna temple at Udipi. Even to-day paryayam swamiyars for their inauguration for the paryayams start from this village and proceed to Udipi. This little village of Belle, the birth place of one of the 3 great Achariyars of South India is a small neglected village and although thousands of pilgrims visit Udipi monthly to Sri Krishna temple, this birth place of Sri Madhwacharya is not popularised as a place of pilgrimage or visit.

I submit that temple authorities of Sri Krishna temple of Udipi or the authorities of Kanyoor math may well take steps to advertiese this birth place of Sri Acharya to pilgrims. A convenient bus route and bus service to this place from Udipi will easily popularise this spot.

V. Each of the swamiyars conducts the worship in Sri Krishna temple for two years at a time and this period is called as paryayam. During this period he is the managing trustee for the temple and the staff of the math manages the temple also. The presiding deities in the pooja of the math are taken to the temple

and worshipped daily along with the deities in the Krishna temple. The matam collects the income and meets all the expenses during the period of the paryayam. During the period of the appraisement and verification the Kanyoor math was the paryayam math. The valuables of the Kanyoor temple at Kanyoor village and the temple at Belle village were produced for appraisement to Udipi and were appraised at Udipi. Among the paraphernalia and pooja articles of this math, the math possesses some valuable gold and silver paraphernalia and jewels. These are maintained in the custody of the swamiyar.

VI. One pair ornamental gold flags with Hanuman on each of them No.22 in the temple register are shown in the register as weighing 18¼ tolas where-as their weight is 8-5-0 tolas. This may be corrected.

The jewels being mainly for small vigrahams in the pooja in the matam some them have lost gems. The gems so fallen of and to be replaced are noted in the remarks column in the lists. The items may be repaired replacing the gems.

Similarly the kavachams have dents and some of the portions are torn. They may also be repaired.

I was informed that Sri Madwacharya vigraham at Belle had a silver kavacham. But this has not been produced for appraisement nor is there any entry in the register under section 38 of the Act. The matam authorities may state whether there is any silver kavacham for the vigraham and if so may enter the same in the register under section 38.

VII. The appraisement and verification of the valuables in this matam was taken up on 5-6-51 and was closed on 11-6-51 and was again further items were appraised on 31-10-51. The cost of the appraisement and verification is estimated at Rs.350/-.

The result of appraisement is submitted

hereunder:-

Value of gold and gem-set articles	...	Rs.	76,673	11	6
Value of silver, plated and gilded articles	...	Rs.	11,944	6	9
Total	...	Rs.	88,618	2	3

V. Ramaiah 20/3/52

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Enc:- List of valuables.

VERIFICATION OFFICER.

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Rural Welfare Deptt.(V)

Abstract

H.R.&.C.E - Sri Kaniyur Math, Udipi, South Kanara district - Appraisement of jewels - Descriptive report - Recorded.

Read the following:-

From the Commissioner, H.R.&.C.E.(Admn)Deptt. letter No. 13844/52-1 Gnl. dated 7-4-52.

ORDER No. 421 RW(V) Dated 15.4.1952.
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Recorded.

2. The Register of valuables etc. intended for Government use is sent to the Curator, Madras Record Office, Egmore, for safe custody.

The Commissioner,
H.R.&.C.E.(Admn)Deptt.
Madras.

The Curator, M.R.O.
Egmore, Madras(with encl.)

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NOTE:- Please see the letter of the Commissioner, H.R.&.C.E(Admn)Deptt. ~~letter~~ on p. 1 c.f. and the report of the Verification Officer at (E).

A draft order is submitted above for approval. May be circulated to H.M(~~H.R.E~~ R.R).

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From
Dr. B. S. Baliga, Ph.D. (Lond.),
Curator, Madras Record Office,
Egmore, Madras-8.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Rural Welfare Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

No. 546/52-S. A. 9836, dated 22nd April 1952.

Sir,

Sub:- Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments - Sri Kaniyur Math, Udipi, South Kanara District - Appraisement of Jewels - Descriptive report - Recorded.

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Ref:- G.C.Ms.No. 421, Rural Welfare, dated 15-4-1952. (A)/13

The register of valuables, etc., of Sri Kaniyur Math, Udipi, South Kanara District, forwarded to this office for safe custody with the G.O. referred to above has been received.

Yours faithfully,

ADDITIONAL ... 23 APR 1952 RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT ... 23 APR 1952 RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

CURATOR.
22-4-1952.

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